GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROPAGATION OF HINDI
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether appropriate work has not been done for the propagation of official language Hindi but crores of rupees are spent to celebrate Hindi Divas, `Hindi Pakhwara` and publication of books in Hindi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of money spent in this connection during the last five years department-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a),(b)&(d): No Sir. The fact of the matter is that all Ministries/Departments including the Department of Official Language are making endeavours for the propagation of official language Hindi. For this purpose, Hindi Day and Hindi fortnights are organised by all the Ministries/Departments/Offices etc. of the Government of India.Under these programmes various types of competitions, workshops, seminars and other types of programmes are conducted. Money spent on these programmes, helps in generating a conducive atmosphere for the propagation of official language Hindi and for the implementation of the official language policy of the Government of India.

For the propagation of Official Language Hindi, documentary films and T.V. Spots etc. are got prepared by the Department.In addition to this, by way of publicity material annual calendar and various types of posters are also got printed. A quarterly magazine `Rajbhasha Bharti` and a monthly newsletter `Rashtriya Rajbhasha Samachar` are also published by the Department.The above mentioned material is distributed among the Ministries/Departments/Offices/Institutions of the Government of India throughout the country. For the first time, a stall was put up by the Department in the World Book Fair organised from 5th February to 13th February, 2000 resulting in the wide publicity of the standard magazines and journals published in Hindi.

(c): The data of expenditure incurred on the various programmes organised by various Ministries/Departments/Offices etc. for the propagation of the official language Hindi are not maintained by the Ministry.